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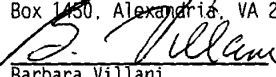
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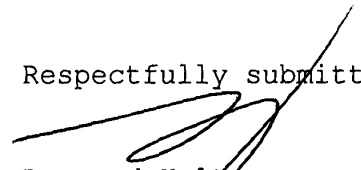
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Japanese KOKAI No. 5-57965 is identified on pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

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